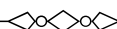


WWI Centennial Additions!

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We're back with a special mini upload of new material today—a day which marks the 100th anniversary of the ending of "the war to end all war." The Armistice of Compiègne was signed on 11 November 1918 at 11am local time in France, ending the conflict between the Allies and Germany (previous treaties had ended the conflict with the other opposing powers).

During this entire engagement, countless works of medallic art were produced on all sides, providing messages of hope, anger, patriotism, and satire. Sometimes, all of these concepts were included in the same piece. We occasionally have offerings which fall under this topic, and have set aside a few for this very upload. Today's grouping features two pieces from the massive series produced by some of the leading manufacturers of medals in Germany at the time. The most commonly encountered module is the 33/34mm diameter size in silver and displays many of the important figures of the war from the German and Austro-Hungarian side, along with their fellow powers. The artistry can range from fairly utilitarian to intensely symbolic, throwing in numerous nods to classical motifs.



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A much smaller subset of medals (both in terms of output and actual size) were the so-called *Siegespfennige* or "Victory Pennies." Similar to a US silver 3 cent piece, these medals were produced heavily during the opening months of the war, celebrating various German victories or those of her allies. The inclusion of a serial number allowed for more collector appeal, and the addition of a clasp on many meant that they could be worn by their owner—a further nod to the national war effort. For much more information on these pieces, follow the link on the example below. If you are a fan of awesomely toned medals, you won't be disappointed by these! ☆ ☆



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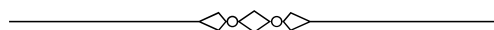
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For further reading on these types of medals, check out *Deutsche Silbermedaillen des I. Weltkriegs auf die militärischen Handlungen und denkwürdigen Ereignisse von 1914 bis 1919* by Georg Zetzmann (Regenstauf, 2002) and, for the topic of the medal during World War I in general, *The Art of Devastation: Medals and Posters of the Great War* edited by Patricia Phagan and Peter van Alfen (New York, 2017).



Lastly, a reminder that our next show will be at the San Francisco International Coin Show, located at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway at 1500 Van Ness Ave and running on 30 November (10am-7pm) and 1 December (10am-5pm). There will surely be a great mix of ancient and world material from our colleagues around the bourse, so if you are planning to be in attendance, please stop by our table to view all of our current offerings (along with a few pieces which will not yet, as of that time, be active on our site).

Due to the timing of the show, we will not be having our beginning of the month upload as usual at the start of December. Our new offerings for next month will be available on the first Monday, 3 December, allowing us a bit of time to "recover" from the show.



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